

Remarks

Claims 1, 4-10 and 13-19 are pending; claims 13-17 are allowed; claims 1, 9 and 18 are rejected; and claims 4-8 and 19 are objected to.

The sole intent of this Amendment is to cancel the rejected the claims and offer the claims that are merely objected to in an acceptable form. Re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,006,443 to Siler. Claims 1 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siler. Claims 9 and 10 are hereby cancelled.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 13-17 are allowed.

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In the Communication filed on January 6, 2009, claim 4 was rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 as previously presented on January 6 should now be allowable. Claims 5-8 depend directly or indirectly therefrom.

Claim 19 was objected to. In the present Amendment, that claim has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of former claim 1. Accordingly, claim 19 also should now be allowable.

All formal and substantive requirements for patentability are now met. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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